

Nebraska Crime Commission



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2009 FEDERAL TITLE II & 2010 STATE JUVENILE SERVICES

**Applications are due in the
Nebraska Crime Commission Office:
Friday, January 8, 2010
before 5:00 p.m. CST**

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INITIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Nebraska Crime Commission, in conjunction with the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ), is announcing the availability of the following federal and state juvenile justice grant funding opportunities:

- 2009 Federal Title II Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act Formula Grant Funds (JJ)
- 2010 State Juvenile Services Grant Funds (JS)

The purpose of these funds is to better the juvenile justice system in the State of Nebraska. The funding priorities outlined in these application instructions support the goals of the Nebraska Crime Commission and the NCJJ statewide three-year plan. This plan is developed with community and professional input and the results of the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plans submitted by counties in Nebraska.

The grant programs listed above offers over a million dollars in funding for juvenile justice programs. The application process is very competitive. Carefully read the guidelines for each program as well as the directions for completing the application. Read the guidelines for each program to determine where your project will best fit. On the applicant information page, check which program you are applying for – either Title II (JJ) or Juvenile Services (JS). If your project is eligible for more than one funding source, it will be considered under each program. Only check one program on the application for Nebraska Crime Commission office purposes.

Continuation funding is not guaranteed from year to year. All Subgrantees must submit an updated application annually. If you are a currently funded program, apply for funding under the same grant fund and use the same project title. To assist you in knowing which program you are funded under, refer to your current grant number. Each grant number has two letters in the middle of the number. The following letter combinations correspond to the following programs:

JJ = Title II JJDP Federal Grants OR JS = State Juvenile Services Grants

If you are submitting applications for more than one project, a separate application must be submitted for each project. It is very important to read the guidelines and directions carefully as the application may change from year to year.

***An Applicant Workshop is scheduled on Thursday, November 19, 2009
from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at the Law Enforcement Training Center
3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801***

This training is an opportunity for potential applicants to learn about the funds available and ask questions about the application process. The training is not required to apply for funding. There is no charge to attend the training. Topics will include basic application tips, overview of the application and instructions, the role of the Grant Review Team, the importance of the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan, Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), and the notification process during grant review, denial, and award.

For questions regarding the application, contact Tiffany Mullison at 402-471-3998 or Tiffany.Mullison@nebraska.gov.

To register for the workshop, contact Alyson Stephens at 402-471-3983 or Alyson.Stephens@nebraska.gov.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR 2010 STATE JUVENILE SERVICE GRANTS

AMOUNT AVAILABLE Approximately \$594,644. Funds will be awarded contingent upon fund availability following the 2009 special session of the legislature.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Juvenile Services Grant Funds, an applicant must be one of the following:

- Community-Based Agency or Organization, including Faith-Based Organizations
- Community Team
- Political Sub-Division
- School District
- Federally or State recognized Indian Tribe

If a Community Team, without 501 (C) 3 status is interested in applying, they must seek out an eligible applicant listed above to apply on their behalf to act as the fiscal agent. The applicant could then contract with the community team to operate the project.

Eligible applicants, who are not non-profit agencies, may contract with non-profit agencies for the provision of services. Eligible applicants may not require the contracted agency to provide match.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Juvenile Services funds are awarded annually from amounts appropriated to the Nebraska Crime Commission by the Nebraska Legislature.

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

The Juvenile Services Act was enacted to assist communities in the implementation and operation of needed programs or services for youth as identified in their Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan, including, but not limited to programs for: assessment/evaluation; prevention of delinquent behavior; diversion and other alternatives to detention; shelter care; intensive juvenile probation services; restitution; family support services; community centers for the care and treatment of juveniles in need of services.

Due to the limited funds available, the NCJJ develops priorities for all funding streams, which are laid out in the 2009-2011 Three Year Plan. The NCJJ will give first priority to prevention related programs followed by alternatives to detention and community based programs. Refer to the link <http://www2.dsgonline.com/mpg/> to see the variety of programs under the headings of prevention, immediate sanctions, intermediate sanctions, residential, and reentry. The NCJJ has a strong interest in funding research/evidence based programs, however, new program ideas will be considered.

FUNDING LIMITATIONS

Funds provided under the Juvenile Services Act may be used for developing programs for youth and for acquiring, developing, or improving local facilities for juveniles IF the development and use of the facilities are identified as a need in the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan.

- Funds may be requested for personnel, consultants/contracts, travel, supplies and operating expenses and equipment related to the proposed project.
- No funds awarded under the Act shall be used to acquire, develop, build, or improve local correctional facilities that are not specifically utilized for juveniles.

- Funds received by an eligible applicant under the Juvenile Services Act shall NOT be used to replace or supplant any funds currently being used to support existing programs for juveniles.
- Funds received under the act shall NOT be used for capital construction or the lease or acquisition of facilities unless such uses have been approved by the Nebraska Crime Commission through the grant process and Nebraska Jail Standards.
- The Nebraska Crime Commission does NOT allow grant funds for indirect costs.

MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Matching funds are not required by the applicant; however, designating cash or in-kind matching funds is encouraged to show commitment by the community for the project.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR 2009 FEDERAL TITLE II FORMULA GRANTS

AMOUNT AVAILABLE: \$510,000

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Title II formula grant funds, an applicant must be one of the following:

- State agency or state supported university.
- A unit of general local government (county, city, village, etc.) or combination thereof.
- A private non-profit agency who has requested and been denied funding by any unit of general local government or combination thereof. The agency must provide written documentation of such denial as part of the grant application. Failure to provide such documentation will result in the applicant being ineligible for funding.
- Indian tribes who perform law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) and agree to attempt to comply with the JJDP Act regarding the detention and confinement of juveniles.

Eligible applicants, who are not non-profit agencies, may contract with non-profit agencies for the provision of services. Eligible applicants may not require the contracted agency to provide match.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Title II funds are awarded annually by the Federal Government as outlined in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is the Federal agency that oversees the distribution and management of funds by the states. Title II funds are formula grant funds, which means the determined amount a state receives is based on a formula that uses the states population, juvenile population, crime statistics etc. Congress must re-authorize the JJDP Act every year in order for this program to continue.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act is the basis for the Title II Formula Grant program. States must be in compliance with the four core requirements of the Act (Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders; Jail Removal; Sight and Sound Separation; Disproportionate Minority Contact) in order to receive the full formula grant allocation. For each core requirement where the state is found non-compliant, the state loses twenty percent (20%) of the allocation. Fifty percent (50%) of the remaining allocation must be used to address the non-compliant area. The State of Nebraska is in full compliance, and receives the full allocation. Once a state is in full compliance, additional program priorities can be addressed as identified in the Three Year Plan.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Title II formula grant program requires each state to develop a Three Year Plan that addresses the four core requirements as well as other juvenile issues in the state. As part of Nebraska's Three Year Plan for 2009-2011, the NCJJ identified the following areas that will be given priority funding consideration to insure the state remains in full compliance with the Federal JJDP Act as well as address key juvenile issues. These key issues were identified through input from practitioners, past state reports and studies, and the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plans submitted by Counties across the State. The NCJJ has a strong interest in funding research/evidence based programs, however, new program ideas will be considered.

Alternatives to Detention: To maintain compliance with the Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders core requirement, many services and programs need to be maintained and developed to insure compliance. The goal is to help communities develop alternative to detention programs and community based services to meet the needs of the youth in the community, at various points in the system, while still having an element of accountability. While all areas of the state need this type of programming, it is recognized that rural areas particularly are in need of these types of services. Examples of programs include diversion, tracker, day reporting, electronic monitoring, mediation, restorative justice programs, and programs designed specifically for younger offenders.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC): States are required to study the prevalence of Disproportionate Minority Contact in the juvenile justice system as part of the fourth core requirement of the JJDP Act. The Nebraska Crime Commission has hired a consultant to further DMC efforts. Communities interested in determining points of DMC in their local system and/or developing programming to address this issue may contact Doug Kramer at 308-233-5229 or dkramer45@gmail.com for technical assistance prior to submission of the application. Projects should be directed at local problems as identified through the DMC data collection process and may include but not be limited to:

- Developing and/or expanding alternatives to detention programs.
- Ensuring equal legal representation and system resources to economically disadvantaged youth.
- Cultural specific programs as alternatives for youth in the juvenile justice system.
- Programs addressing this issue as identified in Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plans.

Systems Improvement: One of the goals of the NCJJ's Three Year Plan is to improve how the juvenile justice system works at the local and state level. Examples of fundable activities include:

- Implementing, enhancing, or validating standardized risk/needs assessment within the system. Use of the YLS/CMI is strongly encouraged to be consistent with state efforts.
- Implementing changes in process, procedures, or programs that address problem areas of the system as identified in the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan.
- Implementing changes in process, procedures or implementing programs that address truancy.

FUNDING LIMITATIONS

- The Nebraska Crime Commission does NOT allow grant funds to be used for indirect costs.
- Funds are not generally allowed for construction. However, there are exceptions. If you are interested in information about funds for construction, call the grant administrator.
- Funds received by an eligible applicant shall NOT be used to replace or supplant any funds currently being used to support existing programs for juveniles.
- Federal funds CANNOT be used to match other federal funds.

MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Matching funds are not required by the applicant; however, designating cash or in-kind matching funds is encouraged to show commitment by the community for the project.

GENERAL GUIDELINES RELATING TO BOTH GRANT PROGRAMS

The following guidelines apply to both grant programs described in the application instructions.

COMPREHENSIVE JUVENILE SERVICES PLANS

State statute requires eligible applicants to submit a Three Year Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plans. To be eligible for either grant programs, a county must have a current Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan on file with the Nebraska Crime Commission. The application requires applicants to document how the proposed project fits into their Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan. For information on counties with existing plans, contact Jamie Rivera at 471-3989, Jamie.Rivera@nebraska.gov or the Nebraska Crime Commission website: www.ncc.ne.gov.

MODEL PROGRAMS

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is a resource for research based model programs: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/programs/mpg.html>. Model and best practices can be found on the SAMHSA website: <http://www.modelprograms.samhsa.gov/> and Blueprints website: <http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/>.

COMMINGLING OF FUNDS

A clear audit trail must be maintained for each source of funding. Receipts, expenditures, and disbursements must be separately accounted for from each source of funds.

ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS

Awarded applicants shall implement and maintain an accounting system. The system must accurately reflect income, expenditures, and documentation of expenditures. Records are to be available for monitors and audits. Awarded applicants are required to submit quarterly reports detailing their expenditures of grant and match funds.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

The Nebraska Crime Commission is the Designated State Agency (DSA) to administer the grant programs in this application. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to eligible applicants annually. Applications are first screened in a review process by Nebraska Crime Commission staff and Grant Review Team from which recommendations are made to the NCJJ. The NCJJ makes recommendations to the Nebraska Crime Commission for final approval. The final funding decisions are made by the Nebraska Crime Commission.

STEP DOWN POLICY

Title II and Juvenile Services grants awarded by the Nebraska Crime Commission may be subject to a funding step down process. The NCJJ adopted this policy to ensure the continuation of juvenile programs through commitment of local efforts. The step down process is as follows:

Level 1: To provide sufficient time for a new program to become stable, a project may be

funded at the same level of funding for not more than two (2) years, providing there are sufficient funds available and proper management of the grant.

(i.e., Year 1 funding at \$15,000; Year 2 funding at \$15,000)

Level 2: Continuation projects requesting funding for a third year will be reduced at 25% of the awarded amount in Level 1, providing there are sufficient funds available and proper management of the grant.

(i.e., Year 3 funding at \$11,250)

Level 3: Continuation projects requesting funding for a fourth year will be reduced 50% of the awarded amount in Level 1, providing there are sufficient funds available and proper management of the grant.

(i.e., Year 4 funding at \$7,500)

Level 4: Continuation projects requesting funding for a fifth year will be reduced 75% of the awarded amount in Level 1, providing there are sufficient funds available and proper management of the grant.

(i.e., Year 5 funding at \$3,750)

The step down policy may be waived if circumstances validate funding the program at the same or greater amount. In order for a waiver to be considered, the grant application must clearly explain and justify the need to maintain funding at the current or greater level. However, it is the policy of the NCJJ to follow the step down policy in funding recommendations.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Drug Free Workplace Policy: Each Subgrantee is required to sign a form indicating they have implemented and maintain a Drug Free Workplace Policy. If one does not exist at the time of award, the Nebraska Crime Commission policy may be adopted.
- Debarment: Each Subgrantee shall sign a form, which states they have not been prohibited from doing business with the Federal government.
- Lobbying: Each Subgrantee shall sign a form, which states that grant funds will not be used to lobby.
- EEOP: Federal rules govern that certain agencies have in effect an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. Each Subgrantee shall read and sign, in the appropriate plan, the EEOP form attached to this application.
- Cooperation: The commitment to the project by the implementing agency and the cooperation of the other juvenile justice agencies in the community is essential to the success of the projects. Therefore, cooperation among juvenile justice agencies is required.
- Confidentiality: No recipient of monies or any personnel involved in the program shall use or reveal any information received from the program for any purposes other than the purpose for which such information was obtained.
- Certified Assurances: As recipients of federal funds, the Nebraska Crime Commission must

sign and pass on certain Certified Assurances to its Subgrantee's. Each applicant shall read and sign the Certified Assurances form.

- Performance Measures: Upon award, applicants will be provided with federally mandated objectives, outcomes, and outputs. Subgrantees will be required to report on these data elements quarterly.

GENERAL APPLICATION COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

- Provide complete address information, to include address with last 4 digits of zip code, phone and fax numbers, and email addresses for Project Director, Project Coordinator, Fiscal Officer, and Authorized Official.
- Answer all questions as directed.

Q. 10 If you are a currently funded program, apply for funding under the same grant fund and use the same project title. To assist you in knowing which program you are funded under, refer to your current grant number. Each grant number has two letters in the middle of the number. The following letter combinations correspond to the following programs:

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Q. 11 The federal government requires submission of information regarding best practice and model programs. This question will assist grant the administrator in this process.

SECTION II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provide a focused summary of the application. State the applicant name, agency responsible for delivering services, problem to be addressed, the local Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan need that is addressed, how the project will work, the amount of funds requested, and the amount of matching funds.

SECTION III. BUDGET

- Attach a budget narrative for every category where funds are requested or match is provided.
- Do not complete a narrative for the Budget Summary Page. Provide budget narratives for each detailed budget section completed.
- Provide a breakdown of the cost basis for each piece of equipment.
- Budget pages not relevant to the project should not be submitted with the application.
- Sources of matching funds must be identified in the budget narratives.
- Budget figures are to be provided in round numbers, no cents (i.e., \$52.14 should be rounded to \$52; \$52.72 should be rounded to \$53).

CATEGORY A – PERSONNEL

Personnel refers to wages and fringe benefits for regular full-time or part-time salaried employees as well as in-kind contributions of volunteers. Other persons working on the project who are not on the regular payroll or not volunteers must be classified either as contractual or consultants. In-kind contributions, if allowable, must be listed as matching funds.

Salaries may not exceed those normally paid for comparable positions in the community and/or the unit of government.

Direct Salaries Provide the title or position for each employee who will be involved in the project, including new positions to be filled, and the number of volunteers, if applicable. If existing personnel will be involved in the project but no funds will be requested for their position and their salaries will not be used as match, do not list them on the budget page, but do include such information in the Budget and Project Narrative. Across from each position listed, enter the annual salary of the position; percent of the time to be devoted to the project; amount of funds being requested for the position; the amount of matching funds; and, the total cost for the position.

At the bottom, enter the subtotal of the amount of funds being requested, matching funds, and the total of all direct salaries. To establish the value of services provided by volunteers, if applicable, use \$9/hour multiplied the number of hours of service to be contributed.

Fringe Benefits All fringe benefits are to be based on the employer's share only. The employee's share is to be withheld from his or her wages. Vacation and leave time would be included in normal working hours (FTE 2,080 hours/year) and are not added benefits. Enter the total cost of benefits being requested and being provided as matching funds in the appropriate columns.

Total Personnel Budget Enter the total amount of funds being requested, matching funds and total of all salaries and fringe benefits for the project. Also enter these totals on the "Budget Summary" pages.

Personnel Budget Narrative A budget narrative **MUST** be attached if funds are requested and/or match is provided. The budget narrative **MUST** include a breakdown of how the cost for each position was determined (i.e. 500 hours x \$5 an hour = \$2,500) for both the requested funds and matching funds. The budget narrative is to explain:

- If each position is existing or new, and if existing how is it not supplanting;
- If each position is full or part-time;
- How each position is relevant to the project;
- A brief description of the duties of each position; and,
- Include positions for which funds are not being requested or are not used as matching funds but will be involved in the project.

CATEGORY B - CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS

NOTE: If more than one consultant will be used for the project, complete one budget sheet for each consultant.

Purpose List the purpose for using a consultant or contractor (i.e., conduct study, facilitate support group, develop and/or present training).

Type of Consultant Check the box for the type of consultant to be used for the stated purpose.

Consultant Fees Consultants employed by commercial and not-for-profit organizations are subject to competitive bidding procedures and are subject to \$450 per day or \$56.25 per hour maximum compensation. In cases where an individual has authority to consult without employer involvement,

the rate of compensation should not exceed \$450 per day or \$56.25 per hour. The rate for independent consultants must be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the market place.

Travel Expenses for the Consultant

- **Mileage**: List the cost for mileage. Enter the amount requested and the amount provided as match. Enter the total cost in the "total" column. Mileage rate is \$.55 cents/mile.
- **Air Fare**: List the cost for air fare (coach or least expensive class). Enter the amount requested and the amount provided as match. Enter the total cost in the "total" column.
- **Meals**: List the cost for meals. Enter the amount requested and the amount provided as match. Meal allowance for Nebraska is \$41 (breakfast \$7, lunch \$11, dinner \$23). Enter the total cost in the "total" column.
- **Lodging**: List the cost for lodging. Enter the amount requested and enter the amount provided as match. Enter the total cost in the "total" column. In-state lodging allowance is \$70.00 per night for all areas except Omaha, which is \$101 per night.
- **Other Costs**: List other anticipated costs associated with the consultant. Enter the amount requested and the amount provided as match.
 - Enter the total cost in the "total" column.
- For out-of-state meal and lodging rates, go to www.gsa.gov and click on per diem rates.

Total Cost Calculate the total cost for funds requested, match provided, and total cost. Enter totals on the "Budget Summary" page.

Consultant Budget Narrative A budget narrative is to be attached if funds are being requested and/or if match funds are being provided. The budget narrative is to include a breakdown of how the cost for each consultant was determined for both the funds being requested and the matching funds. The budget narrative is to explain what services and/or what product the consultant will provide, how the services or product relate to the project, and the impact on the project.

CATEGORY C - TRAVEL EXPENSES

NOTE: If travel expenses are needed for more than one purpose, make copies of the budget sheet and complete one for each purpose.

Purpose List travel expenses by purpose (i.e., training, conference, daily travel for job). For example, a project coordinator will attend training. Enter "training" on the line marked "Purpose". Complete all the applicable expenses associated with this purpose (any mileage that will be paid, air fare, meals, lodging, other.)

Mark the travel as local, in-state, or out-of-state.

List the title of the person who will travel.

Calculate the cost of the travel, completing the areas relevant to the travel for each purpose.

- **Mileage**: List the cost for mileage. Enter the amount requested and the amount provided as match. Enter the total cost in the "total" column. Mileage rate is \$.55 cents/mile.
- **Air Fare**: List the cost for air fare (coach or least expensive class). Enter the amount requested and the amount provided as match. Enter the total cost in the "total" column.
- **Meals**: List the cost for meals. Enter the amount requested and the amount provided as match.

Meal allowance for Nebraska is \$41 (breakfast \$7, lunch \$11, dinner \$23). Enter the total cost in the "total" column.

- **Lodging:** List the cost for lodging. Enter the amount requested and enter the amount provided as match. Enter the total cost in the "total" column. In-state lodging allowance is \$70.00 per night for all areas except Omaha, which is \$101 per night.
- **Other Costs:** List other anticipated costs. Enter the amount requested and the amount provided as match.
 - Enter the total cost in the "total" column.
- For out-of-state meal and lodging rates, go to www.gsa.gov and click on per diem rates.

Total Cost Calculate the total cost of the travel for each purpose. Calculate the total for all travel expenses for the funds requested, match, and total and enter these amounts on the "Budget Summary" page.

Travel Budget Narrative For each purpose, complete a budget narrative stating the purpose, the position which will travel and how travel is necessary to the project.

CATEGORY D - SUPPLIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES

Supplies This section includes office supplies, forms, books, subscriptions, repair or maintenance supplies, (material which is expendable or consumed during the course of the project) and equipment items costing under \$300.

List items by major type (i.e., postage, forms, office supplies, training materials) along with the quantity, unit cost, and total cost. Higher cost items should be listed separately and identified (i.e., special mailings, equipment items). Enter the total cost in the "total" column. Enter the amount, if any, of the cost being requested and enter the amount of the cost that will be provided as match.

At the bottom of section 1, enter the cost for project supplies with a breakdown by the amount requested, match, and total cost in the appropriate columns.

Operating Expenses This section includes all operating expenses involving rental arrangements and purchase of non-consultant type services.

For each item listed, enter the rate or unit cost. Enter the amount of the cost requested and enter the amount provided as match. Enter the total cost in the "total" column. Identify other items for which funds are requested in the "other" category.

At the bottom of section 2, enter the cost of project operating expenses. Provide a breakdown of the total cost by the amount requested, match, and total costs in the appropriate columns.

Supplies and Operating Total Enter the total costs for all supplies and operating expenses. Provide the breakdown of the costs by the amount requested, match, and total costs in the appropriate columns. Also enter the totals on the "Budget Summary" page.

Supplies/Operating Budget Narrative Attach a budget narrative if funds are requested or match is provided.

For supplies, explain how the cost was determined. Provide a cost breakdown of how requested and

match amounts were determined. For operations, describe current expenses and how requested and match amounts were determined. Explain how the supplies and operating expenses relate to the project.

CATEGORY E - EQUIPMENT

Check grant programs for allowability and bidding requirements. Items requiring bids will not be funded absent a showing that bids were taken as required by law, rule, or regulation. Call the grant administrator if you have any questions.

Enter the total costs for the appropriate items. Provide the breakdown of the costs by the amount requested, match, and total costs in the appropriate columns. Equipment items costing under \$300.00 should be included in Supplies.

Enter the total costs for Equipment. Also enter these totals on the "Budget Summary" page.

Provide a breakdown of the cost basis for each piece of equipment.

Explain how each piece of equipment is relevant to the project.

CATEGORY F - OTHER COSTS

List each item and the total estimated cost with the breakdown by the amount requested, match, and total costs in the appropriate columns.

Enter the total cost for "Other". Also, enter these totals on the "Budget Summary" page.

Check grant program guidelines for allowability.

Explain each item requested and the breakdown of how the cost for each item was determined. Provide an explanation of how each item is relevant to the project.

SECTION IV. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

- Data for the juvenile population can be found on the OJJDP website at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/index.html> or the US Census website.
- Include information about the geographic location (i.e. part of the state, rural/urban, etc.), how community stakeholders will collaborate on the project, and any other related unique community identifiers.
- For information on DMC, go to http://mpg.dsgonline.com/dmc_default.aspx, contact Doug Kramer, Statewide DMC Coordinator at 308-233-5229 or dkramer45@gmail.com.

SECTION V. PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Provide problem statement in the format "The problem to be addressed by this proposed project is...." Note: The problem is never a "lack of" something, a description of the proposed intervention, or related to increasing staff. The problem statement clearly explains why the applicant offers the proposed services to the target population.
- Provide a description of the problem stated. Explain the problem, the impact of the problem and identify the factors that contribute to and/or cause the problem.

- Provide **relevant** statistics for the same time period (i.e. January-December) for a three (3) year period which document the problem stated above. Statistics should be presented in a readable table format and must include numbers **and** percent of change from the first year to the third year. **NOTE: Percentages alone are not acceptable.** Provide a brief explanation of the statistics provided. Site the source of all data.

SECTION VI. CURRENT EFFORTS

The purpose of this section is to discuss current efforts occurring in your community that address the problem statement. The proposed project should complement – not duplicate – current efforts.

SECTION VII. PROJECT OPERATION

Explain how individuals come into contact with the project, what occurs once the individuals come into contact with the project, the role and responsibilities of each position involved in the proposed project, etc. This section should include information on referral source, entrance into program to include assessments, program services, and exit from the program to include information on any satisfaction surveys. Identify other agencies directly or indirectly involved in the project, their roles and responsibilities, and how coordination is achieved.

SECTION VIII. ACTIVITY TIMELINE

List grant activities that occur each quarter in **Reoccurring Activities** table. In the **Specific Quarter Activities** table, list non-reoccurring activities in the table for the appropriate quarter.

SECTION IX. SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability planning is vital to programs and must begin before program planning begins. Discuss sustainability planning efforts for continued financial and programmatic sustainability.

SECTION X. CONTINUATION INFORMATION

Complete table as provided. This standard data should be collected for all programs.

If the proposed program has not been funded by the Nebraska Crime Commission enter “Not Applicable” on the top of the page.

SECTION XI. EVALUATION

Evaluation of funded programs and services is essential to local programs for long-term sustainability and for ongoing appropriation of state and federal funding. It is one of the goals of the NCJJ and Nebraska Crime Commission to improve evaluation in funded programs. Complete this section as a means to evaluate your program. Funded applicants will be required to report quarterly on key indicators.

This section asks you to think about and plan for evaluating how well your program is performing. In the Activity Column, identify the key activities under each sub-category. Then indicate how each activity is documented. Finally, identify key indicators about under each activity. Some of the points in the program may not apply to you, only provide information on the ones that apply to your program. If there are different points in your program that are more appropriate, you may substitute them.

Complete the blank evaluation table in the application. Add additional lines/information as needed.

Example:

ACTIVITY	DOCUMENTATION	KEY INDICATORS
Entry Point		
Examples: Arrest/Citations	Examples: Paper citation;	Examples: # of arrests;
Referrals	computer referral; letter referral; phone referral	# of referrals; # of referrals accepted; # declined and why
Intake		
Examples: intake meeting	Examples: computer log of intake meetings; paper intake forms	Examples: # completing intake; # of signed contracts; # not completing intake & why
Program contracts	Examples: Paper or computerized	
Assessment		
Examples: Tools such as : YLS/CMI; MASSI II; SSI	Examples: Paper or computerized case management system	Examples: Average scores; scores by age and other demographics
Service Provision		
Examples: community service	Examples: Log book;	Examples:
Counseling; Sanctions; Supervision	Session notes; travel logs	# of service hours completed; # of supervision hours or contacts
Exit from Program		
Examples: Program components completed; new law violation; Graduation	Examples: Paper or computerized citation records; case management system	Examples: # completing the program; # not completing; & why;

SECTION XII. LETTERS OF COMMITMENT/SUPPORT

All letters of commitment and support are to be submitted as part of the application. Letters submitted separately from the application will NOT be considered. Letters of support must be from relevant community leaders and agencies that will be affected by the proposed project. Letters of commitment should be from individuals or organizations committing staff, in-kind, or cash support, time, etc. to the project. All letters must be signed, on official letterhead, and include a timely date. Letters from participants or family members may be anonymous to protect confidentiality. Limit of 5 letters total.

SECTION XIII. REQUIRED FORMS

Include ALL required forms (Budget Summary, Certified Assurances, Drug Free Workplace, Debarment, Lobbying and EEOP) with appropriate signatures. The following are appropriate authorized official signatures:

Counties: County Board Chair
 Cities: Mayor, City Administrator
 Non-Profit: Board Chair or Vice-Chair (not agency director).
 State: State Agency Director

APPLICATION FORMAT

- Applications must be typewritten. **The original copy must be stapled and 2 hole punched at the top.** The remaining 15 copies must be stapled in the upper left hand corner (no 2 hole punch required).
- If the applicant re-creates the application on their computer, the application format and layout is to be exactly (word for word and design) as the Nebraska Crime Commission's official application. The application and instructions may change from year to year.
- Do not include cover letters or cover pages.
- Do not put applications in folders.
- Charts and/or graphs must be in black and white on 8 ½ x 11 paper.
- Application must be single spaced, 1" margins on top, bottom, left and right, 12 point font, and all pages numbered.
- Additional information in the form of Appendixes will not be accepted.
- Adhere to the page limits listed for each section of the application.
- Sources of data and/or statistics must be cited immediately following the information or under the graph/chart etc.
- The 15 copies of the application may double sided; the original must be single sided.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Applications received in the Nebraska Crime Commission office after the due date and time will NOT be considered. Late applications are ineligible for funding during the current funding cycle. NO exceptions. We highly recommend submitting the application several days before the deadline. If severe weather should occur, contact the Nebraska Crime Commission office prior to driving.

GRANT COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

Nebraska Crime Commission Operating Instruction #10 requires funded projects to be implemented within 30 days from the start date listed on the Grant Award or other date specified by the grant administrator. Failure to implement a project within this time frame, or time frame agreed upon by the grant administrator, may result in the loss of grant funds.

State and Federal grant funds are approved for a period of twelve months. The project period for awarded grants will be July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011, unless otherwise approved by the grant administrator. There are no guarantees of continued funding for programs. However, it is the goal of the NCJJ and Nebraska Crime Commission to continue projects that address the purpose of the state or federal program and are successful in their endeavor.

Awarded applicants are required to attend Grant Management Training and submit timely quarterly reports on activities and expenditure of funds. Failure to do so may jeopardize grant funds.

GRANT APPROVAL TIME LINE

November 2, 2009	Grant announcement
November 19, 2009	Application Training Workshop
January 8, 2010	Application due date
February 2010	Initial review of applications by staff and NCJJ grant review team. Recommendations made to NCJJ.
March 2010	NCJJ review of grants. Recommendations made to Nebraska Crime Commission. Applicant will receive a letter indicating the NCJJ's recommendation to the Nebraska Crime Commission.
May 2010	Nebraska Crime Commission Approves Grants
June 2010	Applicant responds to contingencies Applicant completes and returns Grant Award and Special Conditions
July 2010	Grant Projects Begin

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Submit the application as follows:

Submit 1 original and 15 copies of the application.

Deadline:

Friday, January 8, 2009 before 5:00 pm CST. The original application and all 15 copies must physically be in the Nebraska Crime Commission office by this deadline. The Nebraska Crime Commission will not be held responsible for late applications due to mail service issues.

Submit to:

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
301 Centennial Mall South, 5th floor
P.O. Box 94946
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4946

The Crime Commission is located on the 5th floor of the Nebraska State Office building at 14th and M streets.

While we indicate NO EXCEPTIONS, in the case of severe weather, contact the Nebraska Crime Commission office prior to attempting to deliver your application.